

Enjoy the View A walking and driving guide

to scenic Harpers Ferry

View of Potomac River from Appalachian Trail

EXPERIENCE THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY

Walk to these vistas

All self-guiding walking tours begin at the Lower Town bus shelter. Ride the free shuttle bus from the Visitor Center to the Lower Town. Times and distances are round-trip from the bus shelter.

The Point

Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, 19thcentury bridge ruins

Easy 10-minute walk to scenic overlook

Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn right at John Brown's Fort. Walk under the railroad bridge. Continue to the railing overlooking the rivers.

2 Footbridge to **C&O Canal**

Potomac River rapids, mountain views, railroad bridge

Easy 15-minute walk to scenic overlook

Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn right at John Brown's Fort. Walk under the railroad bridge. Walk up the slope. Turn left and follow the brick path onto the footbridge.

Jefferson Rock

Appalachian Trail, Potomac and Shenandoah river overlook

Moderate to strenuous 30-minute hike along 0.8-mile trail

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn left on High Street. Climb the stone steps on the left. Follow the trail to Jefferson Rock.

A Harper Cemetery

Bird's-eye view of Potomac River and Harpers Ferry water gap

Moderate to strenuous 40-minute hike along 1-mile trail

Follow the sidewalk into town. Turn left on High Street. Climb the stone steps on the left. Follow the trail past Jefferson Rock to Harper Cemetery.

Virginius Island

19th-century factory ruins, Shenandoah River rapids

Easy 15-minute walk to vista

Pick up a trail map at the Master Armorer's House.



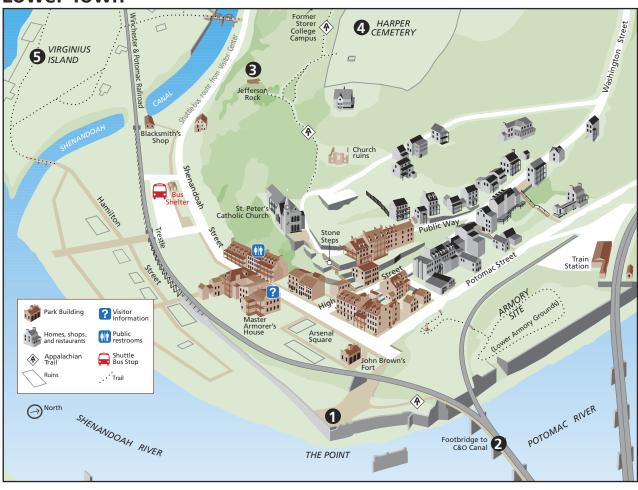
Walk under the railroad trestle toward the river. Turn right on the dirt path (Hamilton Street). Cross the footbridge over the Shenandoah Canal. Follow the Virginius Island Trail to Stop 5 for a view of the rapids. The trail continues past Stop 5 through Virginius Island, passing historic factory ruins.

Short on Time?

For scenic views in less than one hour, take the walking tour to The Point or the footbridge to C&O Canal.

Hilltop House Overlook (see map next page) provides scenic views in less than one hour for those who prefer to drive.

Lower Town



Drive to these vistas

Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Mountain views, Civil War cannons, infantry trenches 5-minute drive to overlook and 0.75-mile round-trip trail along ridge

Drive from the Visitor Center across Highway 340. Follow Washington Street as it curves to the right. Turn left at the sign for Bolivar Heights Battlefield. Park in the parking area at the top of the ridge. Enjoy the view from the trailhead or follow the trail for more vistas.

A spur trail leads to lower battlefield trail. The lower battlefield trail features eight outdoor exhibits.

Hilltop House Overlook

Potomac River views

10-minute drive to scenic overlook on private property

Wheelchair accessible with assistance

Drive from the Visitor Center across Highway 340. Follow Washington Street as it curves to the right. Proceed 1.3 miles along Washington Street. Turn left on Jackson Street. Turn right on East Ridge Street. Park in the lot at the end of the street. Walk to the overlook at the flagpole.

Hilltop House Hotel is privately owned. Please do not block the front of the hotel.

Harpers Ferry Vicinity

